

Queensland Summary

Queensland is big, bold, bright and beautiful. Australians know it as the "Sunshine State". As the old saying goes, "beautiful one day, perfect the next".

Queensland is the holiday capital of Australia. Stretching for more than 2000 kilometres, Queensland's east coast comprises the famous rainforests, beaches, bays, islands and the Great Barrier Reef. Most of the State's population is concentrated in the coastal regions.

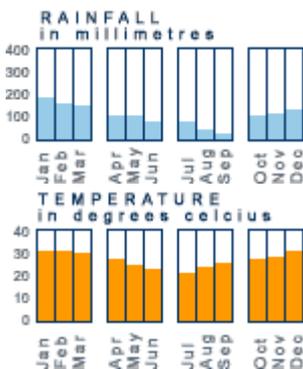
The Great Dividing Range forms a dramatic division down the east coast of Australia. Beginning in Tropical North Queensland and running through New South Wales to Victoria, the Range comes closest to the coast in Queensland..

West of the Great Dividing Range is the fertile tableland, which contains some of Australia's most productive agricultural regions. West of the tableland is the vast "Outback", lined with long roads and dotted with tiny towns, stretching all the way to the Simpson Desert and the Northern Territory.

The state sits either side of the Tropic of Capricorn with warm tropics to the north and warm temperatures to the south. There is a narrow sub-equatorial coastal band from Cairns around the northern coast to the Northern Territory border.

One of Queensland's greatest attractions is its climate. It's a land of long warm summers and short cool winters. With a typical subtropical to tropical climate, the seasons are not as distinctive as in the cooler climates of Australia's southern States. Rainfall occurs mainly during summer months, with the highest falls recorded in the tropical north.

- ▶ Founded in 1859
- ▶ Area 1,727,110 sq kms
- ▶ Population 4+ million
- ▶ Capital city is Brisbane
- ▶ Main industries - Tourism, mining, agriculture



Sunshine Coast - Sunshine Coasting

The Sunshine Coast's white surf beaches stretch for about forty miles, broken only by an occasional headland or the clear water of a river estuary. Great resorts with award winning golf courses, beachfront apartments and condominiums as well as motels and hotels make it easy to enjoy the sun, the sand and the surf. Restaurants and cafes make the most of the climate and the views.

In the green, subtropical hills behind the Sunshine Coast, among the pineapple and sugar cane farms, are country hamlets. Old pubs serve excellent counter lunches on open verandas that overlook green valleys. Painters, potters and other artisans are drawn here by the tranquillity, the easy pace and the natural beauty.

Noosa and Noosa National Park are legendary in Australia. The protected cove beach virtually guarantees perfect surf year round and the stroll around the headland through the National Park rewards you with spectacular seascapes. Hastings Street, the hub of Noosa, is a mecca for designer label shoppers and discerning diners.

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